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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF TANZANIAN ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
HASSUMA KITINE

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1325 (NOTAL)

1. ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT HASSUMA KITINE IS DEPARTING TANZANIA ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1976, FOR A VISIT OF LESS THAN ONE WEEK TO THE TANZANIAN MISSION TO UN. WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF TRAVEL PLANS. HE BEARS TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT D1509 ISSUED IN DAR ES SALAAM ON APRIL 21, 1976, AND VALID UNTIL APRIL 20, 1981.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS STOPOVER US WAS DECIDED AT LAST MINUTE BUT UNAWARE OF ITS PURPOSE. MAJOR KITINE IS ENROUTE TO CANADA TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH SECURITY CONFERENCE.

3. ALTHOUGH MAJOR KITINE IS TRAVELLING UNDER THE TITLE "ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT" HIS ACTUAL POSITION IS THAT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE TANZANIA INVESTIGATION AND SECURITY SERVICE (TISS). TISS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TANZANIAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

4. MAJOR KITINE, 33 YEARS OLD, WAS SELECTED BY PRESIDENT NYERERE TO BE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TISS IN FEBRUARY 1976
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(SEE REFTEL).

HE HAD BEEN THE COMMANDER OF THE TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL
UNION (TANU) PARTY CADRE AT THE MONDULI MILITARY ACADEMY.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY INDICATES HIS SELECTION WAS
BASED ON A VARIETY OF FACTORS INCLUDING THE LACK OF INDEPENDENT
POWER BASE, LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT NYERERE, AND AN EXCELLENT
PARTY RECORD.
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